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Special Election Issue

A.S. Funds Allotted for Extra Issue

The Associated Students Executive Council, in a special mandatory meeting, Dec. 14, approved a Finance Committee recommendation that $600 be allocated the Journalism Department for this special election issue of the Star.

The department requested the funds for the paper because the next scheduled edition of the paper was to come out during the A.S. general elections.

Lack Information

"If the Star didn't come out with a special issue, the students wouldn't have a very good chance to get information about the election," said Edward A. Irwin, professor of journalism and advisor to the Star. "The $4,000 cut by the administration in our budget and the calendar prevented us from publishing a regular edition," he said.

The Finance Committee met in special session Dec. 13 to consider the request, and all members voted for the measure pending a ruling as to the legality of such funding by the Associated Students.

"I'm all for it," said Bruno Cicotti, coordinator of student affairs, "it's something needed for the publicity of the candidates and I think it is necessary for the good of the student body."

Constitution Reviewed

Also on the agenda at the special council meeting was the revised A.S. Constitution. The constitution was presented to council Dec. 13 by an ad-hoc committee and is still pending council approval.

Article 2 of the constitution, which would open voting to non-paid I.D. card holders, was slated for a vote to place it on the ballot in the upcoming election. Because council lacked a quorum, no action was taken.

BRUNO CICOTTI, coordinator of student affairs, expresses his opinion of election news coverage at the emergency Finance Committee meeting Dec. 14. Mrs. Ethel Jorgensen, professor of Business Administration and Finance Committee member (in background), voiced concern over the legalities of funding the special election issue.

Valley Star Photo by Peter Brandt

Elections Set For Tuesday

By GREGORY J. WILCOX
Editor-in-Chief

Voting in the Associated Students Organization general election starts Tuesday, Jan. 8, and runs through Thursday, Jan. 10.

Polls will be open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. for day students. Evening students may vote Jan. 8 and 9 from 6 until 9 p.m., or during the day.

Ballots will be counted at 3 p.m., Jan. 10.

Thirty-one students are vying for 19 A.S. Executive Council positions, and 10 of these are running unopposed. However, they need a majority of "yes" votes to take office.

Candidates facing opposition need a majority of all votes cast so a run-off election is possible for the offices of president, vice president, and Associated Men Students president.

If a run-off is necessary, voting will take place Jan. 14 through Jan. 16 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. for day students. Evening division students will be able to cast ballots at those times or on Jan. 14 and 15 from 6 to 9 p.m.

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In the three-way race for president, Larry Hanna, candidate for the office in the Fall '73 election, faces Eric Thompson, current vice president, and incumbent Jo Anne Orijel. Thompson and Ms. Orijel ran together on the United Students Slate in the last election.

The vice presidential contest has Valerie Little, current commissioner of scholastic activities, going against Alex Hampton, evening division commissioner, and Jack Watanabe.

Hanna's and Thompson's platform stress the need for computerized carpools while Ms. Orijel calls for a continuation of programs set forth during her tenure.

Last semester's council created a new position, Commissioner of Jewish Ethnic Studies. Ami Gordon and Stuart Goldstein are vying for that position.

District Revamps Allocation Priorities of Budget System

By WILLIAM L. CRAWFORD
City Editor

A new budget system has been created in the L.A. Community College District in an effort to enhance the district's resource management.

Each college in the district has recently been provided with an estimate of available resources for the fiscal year 1974-75.

The system consists of two parts. The first is the general district allocation containing all funds which enable the various colleges to function, with the second being an amount which is available for additional programs upon request on a project basis.

Under part one, Valley College has received approximately $9,500,000. This amount is the bottom figure on a continum ranging from $9,500,000 to $10,900,000 of which Valley will receive an amount somewhere in between, depending upon the need and available resources.

Available funds in part two of the new system total approximately $1,-500,000. These funds will be drawn upon by the various departments at Valley as the needs are shown.

In this part of the new budget system, special project request forms will be filled out by the chairman of each department and submittted to Dr. Ralph Tayloe, assistant dean of educational services.

The request forms will describe each item or extra program needed by each individual department and everything from field trip funding requests to text books and paper supplies will be evaluated.

The completed request forms will then be collated by Tayloe who will send them to the Program Evaluation and Budget Review Committee which will study the requests in order to establish a priority list on funding.

The primary function of this committee, composed of representatives of every department on campus, will be to better understand the general and specific aims and purposes of the college. Secondly, it will evaluate the annual budget requests by reviewing the annual reports of the various departments' programs and assessing the actual and anticipated results in terms of the stated college goals.

Debate Team To Perform

Valley's Debate Team will be going to John H. Francis Polytechnic High School in Sun Valley next Tuesday to put on a discussion and a presentation for a group of approximately 300 students.

Coach Jack Sterk said that originally the team was only scheduled to perform for a smaller group of students, but since the interest seemed to be so great, they were scheduled for an assembly with a large turnout expected.

Media Biased Debaters Claim

Biased news reporting exists.

Tom Malatesta, chairman of the Los Angeles County Republican Fair News Committee, says it does.

Jess Marlow, KNBC News anchorman, says it does.

The question then is not what, but maybe how and why?

Marlow and Malatesta debated that aspect of the question, "Is the News Media Biased?" Dec. 12 in Monarch Hall. Both opening statements alluded to the fact that news reporting is biased. The debate then centered on the degree of the bias.

"Major television networks are politically biased," said Malatesta. "Public opinion polls show that 70 per cent of the public is represented by 10 per cent of newsmen.

Marlow countered with, "This 70 per cent thought news is biased all right. Thirty-five per cent on the left and 35 per cent on the right. Bias is in the eye of the viewer."

Criticized Coverage

Malatesta cited the amount of acrimonious reporting out of Washington of convicting the President of any wrong-doing before the facts are known, and the censure of CBS by the Federal Communication System for not fully looking into seven news stories.

But that is shoddy reporting and in one instance Marlow said that it was just an under 21 employee of the network buying dynamite.

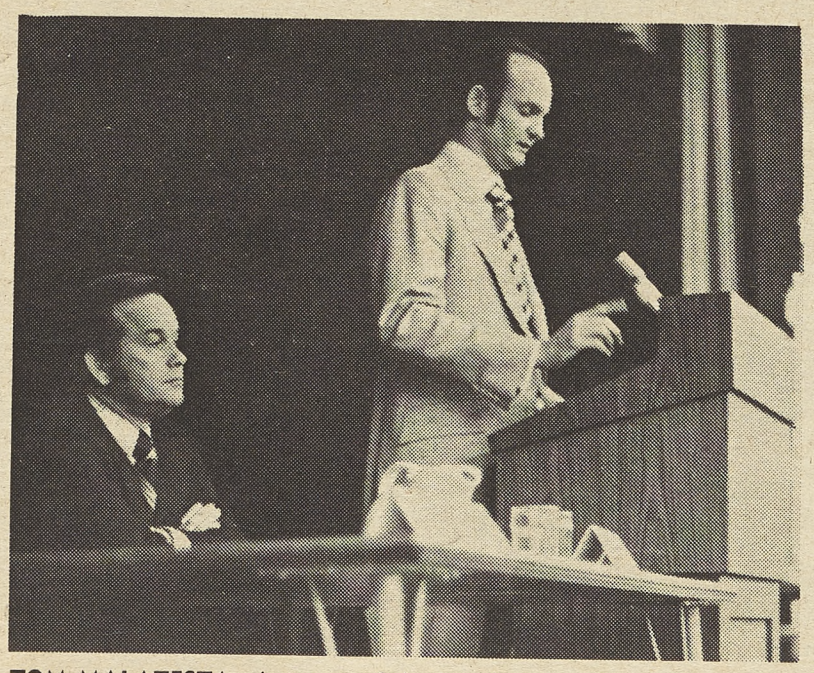
Objective Reporting

Marlow thinks bias might result from the word "man" in the newsman. "I'm not sure a reporter can and should be objective," Marlow said. "We have the opportunity of being fair, but the human element is always present. What some see as bias will be fair to others."

The debate was moderated by Ed Nelson, professor of political science.

A question and answer period followed closing remarks and some members of the audience challenged Malatesta, not on the debate topic but on the present administration.

After the bell, students crowded around the stage to continue their rhetorical exchange with the guests.



TOM MALATESTA, chairman of the Los Angeles County Republican Fair News Committee, addresed an overflow audience in Monarch Hall Dec. 12. He stated that the news media was politically biased. Jess Marlow, KNBC news anchorman (seated), later countered Malatesta's comment with the statement "Bias is in the eye of the viewer."

Valley Star Photo by Ken Hively

Wyatt To Undertake Trustee Presidency

By LEWIS S. SNOW
Managing Editor

Frederic A. Wyatt, former vice president of the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees, has assumed the presidency following the resignation of Dr. Monroe Richman at the board's Dec. 19 meeting.

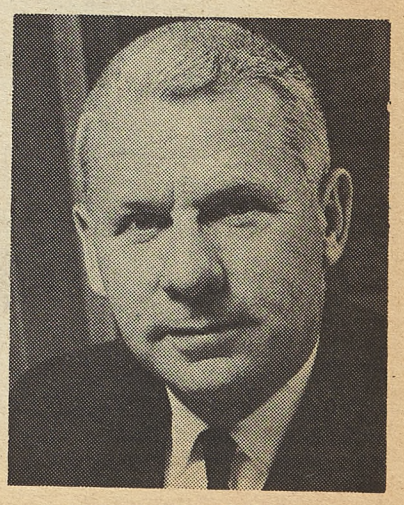
Dr. Richman cited personal and professional responsibilities for making it impossible to devote the time needed to continue as board president. (He is a Sun Valley physician.)

He was elected president of the board in January 1973, replacing now State Senator Mike Antonovich, and was relected in July.

Wyatt was unanimously elected to replace Dr. Richman, and took office on Tuesday. He will preside over the board's next regular meeting, set for Wednesday, Jan. 9.

In the July electiton, Wyatt was defeated for the board presidency, 5-2. He voted against himself in that instance.

Dr. Kenneth Washington was elected to assume Wyatt's old post, but the board refused to make the choice unanimous, letting the original 4-3 vote stand.



FREDERIC A. WYATT

Candidates State Platforms

Treasurer

Mitchell Harmatz

No statement was offered by Mitchell Harmatz.

Campus Improvement

Perry Netter

If a student at Valley College does not enter the Campus Center or read the Star, he has no knowledge that the A.S. Council exists. And if he does read the Star, he reads of a group of people and the decisions they've made for him. There has to be a way to make the legislative body more accessible to the individual student.

It is the obligation of the Commissioner of Campus Improvements to seek criticism, listen to it as it's being said and respond openly, objectively, and positively. The most viable system of dialogue between the commissioner and the students is the implementation of a network of suggestion boxes which the students can utilize as their vehicle for criticism and suggestions. Only then will the students at Valley realize that it is possible to speak your mind and know that someone's listening.

I may not have the answer, but I believe I've got a plan. The dialogue starts now.

David P. Churchill

I, David Churchill, wish to run for Commissioner of Campus Improvements. The reasons are many. The recreation room must be completed and I think I can. If I'm elected, I will continue completion of the Braille maps project for our blind students. I wish to put in a better parking control system. Our classrooms need new number plates for the blind so they can identify the classes. A better placement system for posters than is in use today, is needed. Last, but not least, I need your help to finish the work already begun.

Chief Justice

Peg Foster

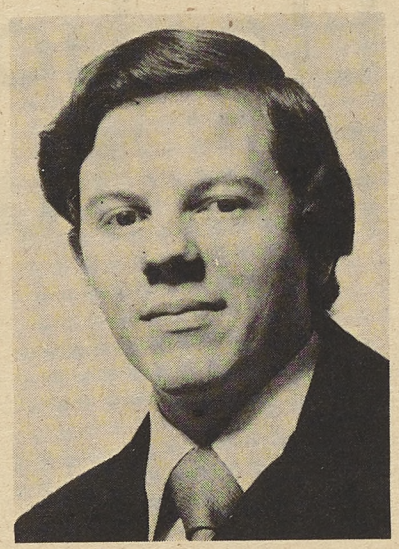
No statement was offered by Peg Foster.

Scholastic Activities

Cheryl Smith

During the Spring '73 semester, I acquainted myself with student government and its various functions. This current semester, I began a heavy personal involvement with student government activities in such a way as to give me a substantial general and diversified background from which to work. I poured efforts into IOC and many of its committee efforts including the instructional evaluation, ID card sales, children's Christmas party among my heaviest committments. I became involved with AWS attempts for a child care center and babysitting exchange. Big Umbrella, a club with the basic purpose of service to the scholastic community through sponsorship of speakers, films, and diversified programs offering information on urgent political and social issues has provided me with invaluable experience in the area of public service and communications. As Commissioner of Scholastic Activities I hope and fully intend to concentrate and focus my background resources toward expediting the scholarship and financial aid procedures on this campus.

Associated Students President



Larry Hanna

I am a candidate for ASO president because I feel I can provide the leadership and catalyst for change which we need. My goal will be to try to bring students, teachers and administrators together to work for a better education for all students. I will work not only on campus for the students but in City Hall and before the Board of Trustees.

The main accomplishment I would like to see completed is the Child Care Center. This center has gone on too long without any action.

A better bus system to the campus is needed. Parking gates and the use of car pools facilitated by computers are needed. Also, I will work for parking on Ethel Avenue and more important, the closing of Ethel Avenue.

If elected I will represent all the students and will need your ideas and comments. Now I need your vote and support.

Jo Anne M. Orijel

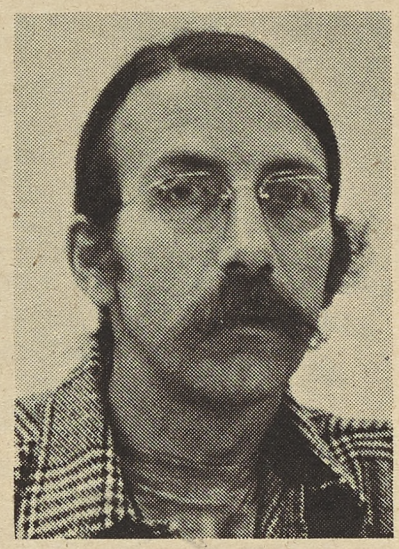
The programs set forth in the last election have begun. And the progress in those programs must depend on continuity.

My efforts on behalf of LAVC students in finance, constitutional review and representation to the Board of Trustees have been evident throughout the semester. I have worked with other ASO presidents to keep that board aware of our urgent need for a children's center.

Non-paid voting is closer to being a reality. A precedent set by East Los Angeles College must be followed by Valley or the belief that student government is not an exclusive club will fail.

The completion of programs is my goal.

It is my belief that my experience, the time I spent learning, my position as A.S. president and my real desire to work for LAVC students makes me the best qualified candidate. Reelect Orijel ASO president.



Eric Thompson

I am offering myself as a candidate for Associated Students president because of the following qualifications: ASO vice-president, chairman of IOC, chairman of teacher evaluation committee, Dean's List for two semesters, member of TAE and Sigma Alpha Phi, have attended two leadership conferences, anl been a member of ASO Council.

During my tenure as ASO vice-president I have remained above the petty council politics and as ASO president I would remain above the use of the office for personal gratification. I believe that I can continue to contribute to Valley College in a positive, constructive manner as I have in the past two semesters. I feel strongly that the ASO president should be a servant of the students, accessible and open; not reign as a queen or king, devious and manipulative. In view of my record, I am the best qualified candidate for the office of ASO president.

AWS President

Carolynn Kaiser

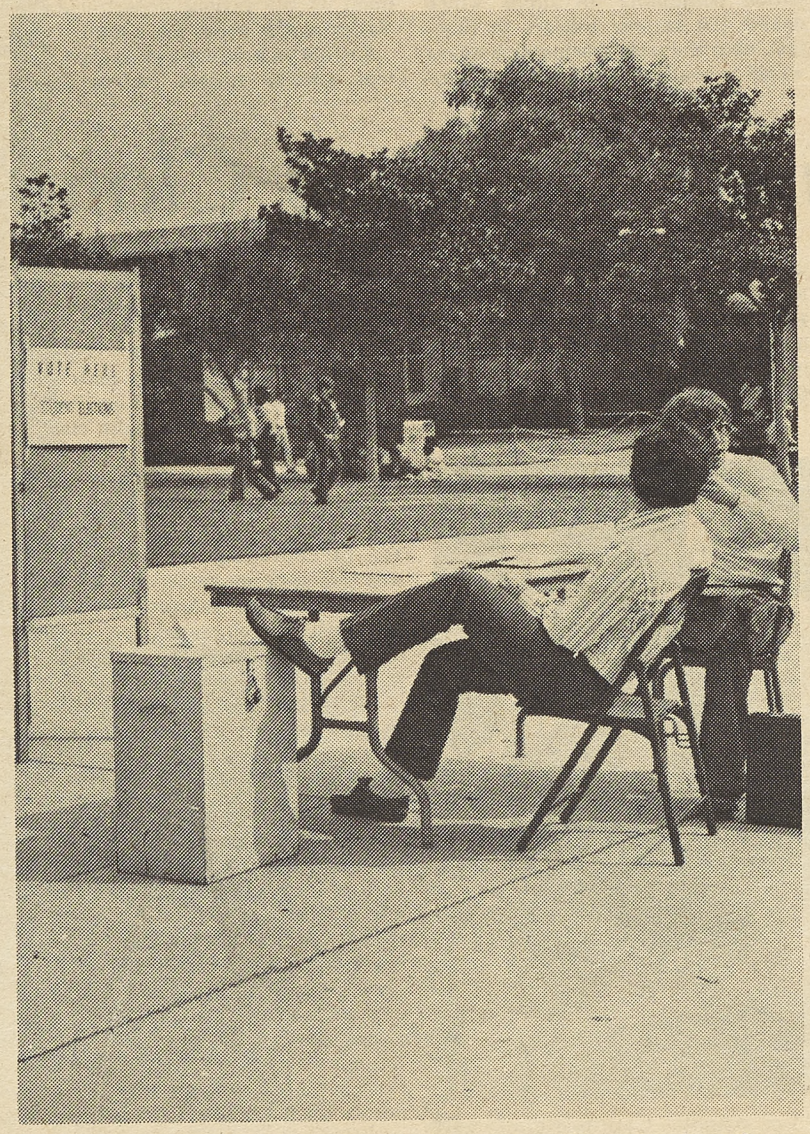
During my three semesters at Valley, I have become aware of some inadequate and/or non-existent programs that could be valuable for the women on this campus. I would like to see more women involvement on campus and think this would happen if there was better funding for women's programs and more encouragement for women's participation. Also, I feel the more educated women are unaware of themselves and their place in society. The more women become active and change-oriented, the more we will get the types of lives we each deserve. My hope is that through my election to Associated Women Student's President, I would be able to make some positive changes for the betterment of women.

Having been a member of TAE, Sigma Alpha Phi, the ID card evaluation committee, the teacher evaluation committee, IOC representative, I am qualified for this position.

Bobbe McGhie

Children's center, baby sitting exchange, speakers, films, debates, therapy groups for older students returning to school, organizing women, special concern for the cries of liberation and what it ultimately means—these are some of the programs that my present administration has worked for. All but the children's center have become a reality. But even that is closer than at the inception of its idea five years ago.

I'm concerned. I'm a worker. I know what the job of an AWS president involves and I am experienced at handling its problems. Re-elect me, Bobbe McGhie.



VOTING BOOTHS will be open Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and from 6 until 9 p.m.; and Friday from 9 a.m. until noon. Less than 1,000 of the more than 12,000 eligible students voted in the last student body elections in May.

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Vice-President

Alex Hampton

As vice president, I would consider my prime functions to be two-fold. Firstly, I will be an impartial and constructive chairman of IOC and I will be a full-time, hard-working, and responsible chairman.

Secondly, in my capacity as a voting ASO Council member, I promise to be a legislator whose office will be open at all times to any student, and all of my motions and votes on ASO Council will be in the best interest of Valley.

I feel my past experience on ASO as evening commissioner gives me a solid foundation as to the workings of student government and that my past record will show that I have always been above board.

Valerie E. Little

It is my belief that the office of vice-president, in addition to coordinating and sharing IOC activities, should serve as a supportive arm to the president.

I also believe that last year's ASO president, Jo Anne Orijel, was denied the opportunity for maximum effectiveness due to a certain measure of egotism and politicing on council.

I would like to continue working with her toward the goals originally initiated by the United Students.

Jack Watanabe

I am interested in seeing that a majority of students are represented. I will make an attempt to find out what the students want. I will be open to suggestions at all times and available for anyone to talk to.

I am interested in seeing new program developed with the interest of students in mind. Also, I would like to see the expansion of some of the presently running programs, such as the Nursing Program, and the Speech Department.

Elections

Barbara Branson

No statement was offered by Barbara Branson.

Brian K. Dennis

In the past, Valley's elections have been riddled with controversy. The Star, in its Dec. 13 issue, focused on the matter in its editorial, Upcoming Elections Protends Fiasco.

Elections are the cornerstone of Democracy; as the current Executive Council parliamentarian and associate justice of the Supreme Court, I believe I have demonstrated required objectivity needed to run the elections. Also, I have the experience to put that objectivity to work. Let's redress our past blunders.

AMS President

Andy Tauber

No statement was offered by Andy Tauber.

Thomas J. Nixon

No statement was offered by Thomas J. Nixon.

James S. Wenck

I realize that most people are very skeptical when it comes to campaign promises. I can't say I blame them; so much has been promised but so little has been done.

Here are the only two promises I, or any candidate, can keep: 1. I will work hard! 2. I will listen to the ideas and advice of others. By working hard and listening, I hope to accomplish a great deal next semester.

Executive Hopefuls Grapple Problems

(Editor's Note: The following are the presidential candidates' candid answers to various questions pertaining to the upcoming A.S. elections.)

Star: Why do you want to be president?

Orijel: Most of the things I worked on this semester are incomplete, the Child Care Center being one of them. Also constitutional changes, especially non-paid voting and working with state organizations to insure that there is no tuition for community colleges. I also think that my work in conjunction with city government would help me make sure that there is student participation from Valley, actually creating avenues for students to participate in city government.

Thompson: I am qualified. I have a successful record as ASO vice president. Specifically, I got four projects done through IOC that I had promised before the last election. They were Club Day, the Childrens Christmas party, instructional evaluation, which exceeded our expectations, and implementing ID card sales from approximately 54 to 60 percent of the students. I have a 10-point platform I wish to accomplish if I'm elected.

Hanna: I think I can provide the leadership and get things done for the school, like the child care center that has been going on for a long time and it is also partly an ego thing. It makes somebody feel good having people vote for him and supporting him.

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Star: Are you running as part of a slate?

Orijel: Yes. There are five people who have been on council before and two who haven't. There is no name for the slate.

Thompson: Yes. There are 13 concerned students on my slate, five of whom are presently members of the AS Council, four are on IOC and five are members of the instructional evaluation committee. One is also the associate chief justice. The name of the slate is RSVP, Responsible Students for Valley's Progress.

Hanna: Yes, with Jack Watanabe. We are running on issues. We will work to enlarge the nursing program, for better facilities for the handicapped and for car pools.

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Star: Do you feel minority students are fairly represented on council and if not do you plan to do anything about it?

Orijel: I think minority students are being represented now as they have never been before. But the only way to insure that all students are fairly represented and that we have the widest base of student participation is to change our form of government. In the last semester the council spent quite a bit of time discussing the philosophy of a change in student government. Unfortunately, those discussions did not lead to the mechanical changes necessary. The only course left open is constitutional revision.

Thompson: I feel that under the present system of commissionerships for the various ethnic departments, that is Chicano, Black and Jewish, that the ethnic departments are fairly represented. One of the things my slate hopes to protect is the mandate of Valley students over the past two semesters that these ethnic departments be adequately represented.

Hanna: I feel that they are very well represented on council and I think it is up to the individual to run if they think they can do a job for the school.

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Star: Do you favor opening elections to students with non-paid ID cards?

Orijel: Absolutely. My belief in the rights of students to vote is very strong and it distressed me to hear some of our council who had been elected stating this belief come out against it in the last meeting. The slate I am running on is strongly in favor of opening voting to all students.

Thompson: Yes. The structure of the constitution must be changed to insure the right of each Valley student to vote. Presently, a precedent set at East Los Angeles College that opened voting to all students is being tested in court. The situation on our campus hinges in part on the resolution of this case since there is a law stating that only those with paid ID cards may vote.

Hanna: No. Definitely, not. The people that pay for the ID card should get some benefit for the money. If we let everybody vote then they can elect people who will give the services to somebody else and they can have security parking, the discount at the bookstore and they will in effect be spending other peoples' money who paid for the ID cards.

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Star: Do you think past semesters councils performed adequately?

Orijel: In the time that I have been at Valley I have not seen a council work as diligently as this last council. Not so much because of myself, but because each one of those people have felt a commitment to the students, and this is one of the reasons our slate is organized the way it is. I'm working with people who I feel do have the type of commitment. That is the difference in the slate from this semester and last semester. Experience created the slate.

Thompson: The only semester that I am qualified to comment on is the semester during which I served. I personally fulfilled my obligations to the students who elected me. However, I feel that the council as a whole has fallen short of its goals and promises and unfortunately has not lived up to its expectations of each of us and those people who elected us.

Hanna: Yeah, to what they are allowed to do and with the limits I think they performed quite well. But I also think that if somebody gets in there who wants to work with the administration and Board of Trustees, then bigger changes could occur and more benefits could occur.

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Star: Would you revise the constitution?

Orijel: Absolutely. The structure of student government at Valley, while making it perhaps a little easier to handle, does not insure student participation or fair student representation. The structure has to get set up to reach people it hasn't reached before.

Thompson: I must answer that with a cautious yes. There are significant things that need to be changed in the constitution, such as the question of all students voting, a reduction in the powers of the president, a revamping of the perimeters of each of the offices, and an effective way of insuring that each committee functions adequately and in a way of maintaining communication with the student body and various departments. However, I feel that a constitutional review must begin as soon as the semester starts and must be a product of the entire council and people knowledgeable in such matters. I criticize any 11th hour efforts as being well meant but feeble and incompleted and therefore dangerous to Valley students. I specifically feel negative towards the suggested type of senate system in view of the failure of a similar type system at Pierce College a year ago.

Hanna: Yeah, I've been thinking about a system with a senate and executive council. The senate would be elected from the departments, and it would be like two houses of Congress, and you would have the ASO support it. There would be more checks and balances. You wouldn't have one small group spending all the money and making all the rules. More people would be brought into the picture.

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Star: Would you push to change the council structure?

Orijel: Yes, I would. It is my belief that a senate system would work in this school, but we first have to analyze the reasons why this system didn't work at other schools. I feel that the structure that was proposed by the group that first proposed the revised constitution to council, myself included, tried to separate what we felt were apples and oranges. In other words, the commissioner of fine arts is not a representative from the Art Department or Music Department but someone who would institute progress with the help of senators from the department. The thing holds true for cultural activities. This is one of the problems with council this semester. As we created avenues for minority participation, in essence we were trying to combine two different things.

Thompson: I can't answer yes or no to that. There are shortcomings in our present system; however, all systems have inherent shortcomings. I would therefore reject a hasty decision to change without complete knowledge of the alternatives available.

Hanna: Yes, I would, as stated above.

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Star: Would you combine the offices of Commisisoner of Black Studies, Chicano Studies, and Jewish Studies under one office?

Orijel: No. I feel that with the addition of the last commission the needs of those students are separate but they could be represented by senators in a senate system.

Thompson: No. Each ethnic group has its own specific needs and these needs are not necessarily one in the same. These offices were established by the students at Valley because of a crying need for certain minorities to be heard. To combine the three offices would in essence negate and castrate each of the offices. How can an Anglo feel as strongly as a Chicano about Cinco de Mayo or how can a Christian feel as strongly as a Jew about Yom Kippur? As I've stated before, I would protect the mandate of the Valley students to retain these ethnic offices.

Hanna: Of course, and a year ago when all this started, this is the main thing I pushed for. I think it is grossly unfair because not all the minorities on campus are being represented and if we had one or two commissioners of ethnic studies or minority students, it adequately represents all the students on campus.

Women's Athletics

Karen Bird

As an active participant in women's and coed sports and the physical education program for the past five semesters, I have become aware of the needs, benefits and effectiveness of the programs to the general LAVC student body. I feel I am qualified to be Commissioner of Women's Athletics and can be an effective member of the Executive Council. I desire to work for the benefit of women's athletics, the student body and the fulfillment of LAVC.

Public Relations

Yocee Rechtman

I, Yocee Rechtman, need your vote for Commissioner of Public Relations. I presently serve as Commissioner of Social Activities with experience in organizing and publicizing events at Valley College. I also have experience in the workings of A.S. government.

As your Commissioner of Public Relations, I will work to publicize all events that occur on campus, and I will move for legislation to construct an "Information Center" at a central location, where students could obtain information about campus events.

Lester Sloane

When elected, I will try to better inform the student body of what events are happening and what facilities are available. My qualifications are advertising major, IOC representative, and worker in the Poster Room.

Evening Division

Ralph D. Griffin

No statement was offered by Ralph Griffin.

Fine Arts

Mark Van Proyen

I have been very active in fine arts activities both on campus and in the Los Angeles art community. It is my opinion that meaningful fine arts activities on a campus such as ours are essential to any stated educational goals. I feel with my insights into and abilities to appreciate and criticize all various kinds of art forms that I am extremely qualified for the position of Commissioner of Fine Arts.

Lupe Carrisosa

No statement was offered by Lupe Carrisosa.

Social Activities

Sherry Ann Tow

In order to create more student interest and participation in the various social activities, I plan to coordinate a more diversified and progressive series of social programs on campus.

Hopefully, there will be some pleasant surprises in store by adding new programs to the existing schedule.

Men's Athletics

Daniel J. Smith

I am running independent of either slate so I can form an opinion of what each side represents. There has been a minor struggle to get my support for the respective slates so that in the best interest of the office I am running for I will remain neutral until I can rest assured of which side will represent the students of Valley fairly.

Black Ethnic Studies

Beatrice Fortson

As Black Studies Commissioner, my main objective is to establish a concrete viable office of Black Studies on campus. My second objective is to continue to try and maintain the Black studies program within the mind of not only Black students, but all students on campus. Also, drawing upon my five years experience as a community volunteer, I would like to see a workable program of community involvement here at the college.

Jewish Ethnic Studies

Ami Gordon

I'm running for the office of Jewish Ethnic Studies to provide a focal point for the Jewish students and activities on campus and to promote a greater understanding between Jews and non-Jews at Valley and in the community. As chairman of the Zionist Youth Alliance I initiated the action that helped create the office seat on council. I have contacts in the Jewish community as well as the gentile community and I intend to work closely with the Jewish Studies Department on campus.

Stuart Goldstein

No statement was offered by Stuart Goldstein.

Records

Jill Nutall

No statement was offered by Jill Nutall.

Chicano Ethnic Studies

Gerardo Perez

No statement was offered by Gerardo Perez.

Ford Foundation Selects Students As Semi-Finalists

Two Valley College students have been chosen as semi-finalists for the Ford Foundation Upper Division Scholarship. They are Robert Acosta and Art Deffendorf of North Hollywood.

An official announcement of the finalist award winners will not be made until after the financial aid committee meets in February.

Selected for honorable mention are Martha Almanza, Sylmar; Bertha Chacon, Sylmar; Elaine Eaddy, Pacoima, and Manuel Zamorano, North Hollywood.

Aged Citizens Tour Campus In Tribute to Young at Heart

By DALE FINK
Staff Writer

Strolling through the halls of Valley College on a Friday afternoon, Dec. 14, were 1,700 senior citizens.

As Valley College students were leaving the campus for the holiday vacation, the senior citizens were arriving for a day of entertainment, education, exercise, dining, and dancing.

The occasion was the "Senior Citizens Holiday Festival," marking the second time Valley College has provided a program especially for the community's many senior citizens. "Senior Citizens' Day: A Tribute to the Young at Heart," was held last May.

Choir Provides Entertainment

The festival was presented to an over-capacity crowd in Monarch Hall. Entertainment was provided by the Valley College Choir, and comedian Jack Carter.

"Jack Carter was very humorous and very pleasant. He told quite a few jokes fooling about what his mother did when he brought her here from Florida," one lady said.

"His mother sat on the stage next to Jack and laughed and laughed at his jokes. His mother was very, very proud of him," she said.

The general response to the program was that it had been "very good." One elderly gentleman, when asked how he liked the program, replied, "Oh, this program is not for me! My grandmother is here."

More entertainment was provided by the Portola Junior High School Choral Group, and travelogue films of Israel, Hawaii, and Mexico were screened.

Dr. Robert Horton, president of Valley College, and Max Goodman, president of the San Fernando Valley Senior Citizens Federation, welcomed the senior citizens. State Senator Alan Robbins awarded citations of commendation to Dr. Horton and Goodman for their support of senior citizen activities.

The senior citizens ate a holiday dinner in the cafeteria, and in the women's gym, danced to old-time favorites played by the Tommy Vig Band.

Humor Always Present

Light-hearted humor was constantly present as the senior citizens mingled in the Monarch patio. With his "Senior Power" button securely fastened on his lapel, Ernie Dewsnap proudly distributed his business card, the center reading: Ernie Dewsnap, retired. Anchoring the upper corners: no phone, no address. Anchoring the bottom corners: no business, no worries, no money, no prospects.

In a more serious vein, brochures discussing the adjustments, traumas, and fulfillments of retirement were passed out. Representatives from the Medicare program set up a booth to dispense information, and a question and answer period concerning Social Security was conducted.

Many Contribute Efforts

The holiday festival can be credited to the efforts of Goodman, working with Ruby Zuver, assistant dean of community services; A.S. Council, various parks, and the County Department of Senior Citizens Affairs.

Louis Gray, from the Senior Citizens Affairs Department, commented, "The holiday festival has been wonderful. The people enjoy the chance to visit, and to become involved in community affairs."

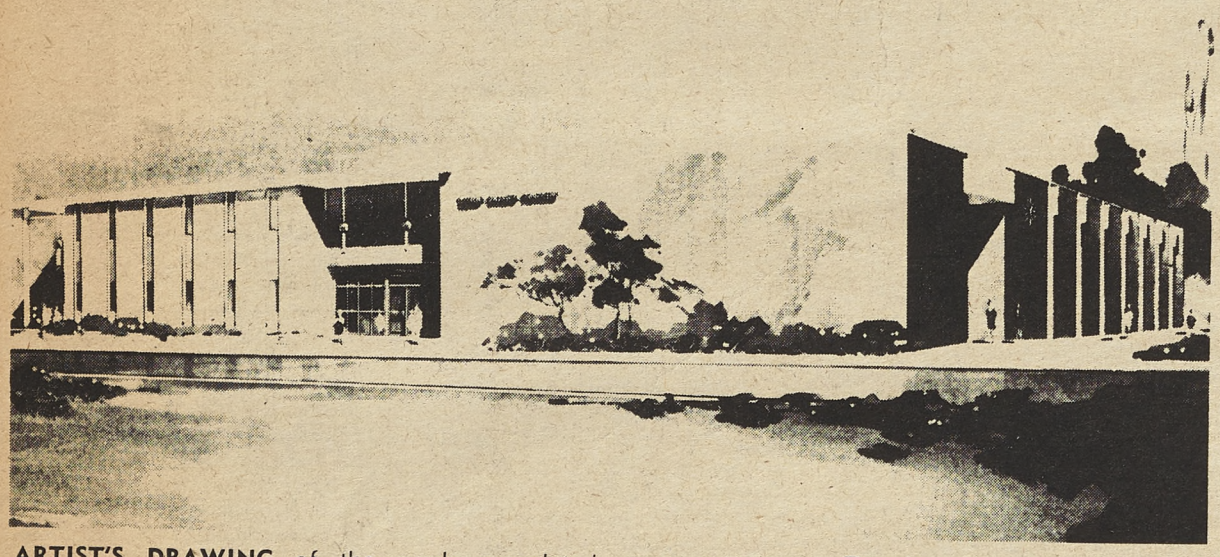
Senior citizens 62 or over can receive a "Gold Card," which entitles the bearer to attend any campus event, including classes, free of charge.

Goodman received the first Gold Card at the program's inception in October 1972. Since then, Gray said, 2,700 Gold Cards have been issued. "We're hoping to issue at least 1,000 more at the holiday festival," Gray said.

Judging from the line of people wrapped around Monarch Hall waiting to register for a Gold Card, it seems Gray might have achieved that goal.

Valley College has been enjoyed by elementary school children who toured the school one week prior, and now also by the senior citizens. Valley College has proven that it truly is a "community" college.

EXERCISE, entertainment, education, dining, and dancing were enjoyed by the 1,700 senior citizens attending the "Senior Citizens Holiday Festival" held at Valley Dec. 14. Valley Star Photo by Aparicio Gil



ARTIST'S DRAWING of the newly completed Women's Gymnasium. The $1.2 million structure will be officially dedicated with ribbon cutting ceremonies next Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Leslie Koltai, chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District, will be the keynote speaker.

District Undertakes SB 25 Pilot Study

Representatives from each of the district's eight campuses met recently to discuss the feasibility of implementing a new law that would provide for an increase in student health care facilities. The Board of Trustees had made the motion to commence the pilot study of Senate Bill 25, which took effect the first of this year, at its Oct. 31, 1973 meeting.

The representatives, including Dr. John Reiter, dean of admissions at Valley College, resolved to divide the pilot study into a three-point program.

In the middle of this month, a district-wide workshop has been scheduled for college physicians and nurses and allowing for student input that would feature health care consultants.

Secondly, the group plans to conduct a survey of the over 100,000 day and evening students enrolled in the Los Angeles Community College District to determine actual student needs in the area of health services.

Lastly, members conducting the study plan to undertake a state-wide survey of the colleges operating student health centers to weigh the costs entailed and the beneficiency of such services.

Once the program has been completed, the district would then contact companies such as Blue Cross and Blue Shield to arrange the implementation of expanded health care services, according to Ray Johnson, in charge of educational services for the district.

Under the new law's provisions, community college districts have been given the option and authorization of establishing and expanding student health centers and financing the centers with student fees no higher than $10 a year.

Low-income students and students who depend exclusively upon prayer for healing in accordance with the teachings of a bona fide religious sect, denomination, or organization, however, would be exempt from paying any fee.

Valley Events

Legal Jobs Viewed

John Jerry Wiley, associate dean at the USC Law Center will discuss legal careers next Tuesday at 11 a.m. in BSc100 as part of the continuing Occupational Exploration Series.

Italian Film Screens

Valley College's Italian Club will present a comedy film entitled "Big Deal on Madonna Street" next Monday from 7-9:45 p.m. in Monarch Hall. The film is a spoof on the caper-type movie and will feature such noted stars as Vittoria Gassman, Marcello Mastroianni, Claudia Cardinale, and many Italian comedy figures. It was produced in 1958 by Mario Monicelli and has received acclaim for its caricature and timing.

Survival Talk Slated

Guest speakers, Richard C. Weston, asst. professor of biology at CSUN, and Gene Beville, graduate student at CSUN, will present a film and slide lecture of a recent Sierra survival trek at next Thursday's meeting of the Mountaineering Club in LS107 at 11 a.m.

Dedication of New Women's Gymnasium To Highlight College's 25th Anniversary

Dr. Leslie Koltai, chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District, will be the keynote speaker at the official dedication of the new Women's Gymnasium next Tuesday afternoon.

The formal dedication, one of the major events commemorating the 25th anniversary of Valley College, will commence at 1:30 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the gym's front entrance with the remaining program taking place inside the structure.

Mrs. Marian W. La Follette, a member of the Board of Trustees and past board president, will deliver remarks, while newly elected board president, Frederic A. Wyatt, will officially accept the building for the board. Dr. Robert E. Horton, president of the college, will give the response.

The Patrons Association will host the reception and students will conduct tours of the building following the dedication.

The 36,000 square foot building, a vast improvement over the 20-year-old structure now being used, features air conditioned staff rooms, two large exercise rooms, work and storage rooms, rest rooms, a conference room, and an expansive main gym. Other facilities include a locker room and two shower rooms with private shower stalls.

Part of the old gym will now be used by Community Services.

Originally, the new gym was to have been completed during the middle of August and ready to accommodate physical education classes by the first week of the fall semester, but adverse weather conditions, coupled with a subsequent roofer's strike, further delayed the opening until December.

Finals Schedule

Classes meeting at:

7 or 7:30 a.m.—Mon. or Wed. or Fri.	Wed., Jan. 23—9 a.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Tues., Jan. 22—9 a.m.
8 or 8:30 a.m.—Mon. or Wed. or Fri.	Mon., Jan. 21—9 a.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Tues., Jan. 22—9 a.m.
9 or 9:30 a.m.—Mon. or Wed. or Fri.	Wed., Jan. 16—9 a.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Thurs., Jan. 17—9 a.m.
10 or 10:30 a.m.—Mon. or Wed. or Fri.	Mon., Jan. 14—9 a.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Tues., Jan. 15—9 a.m.
11 or 11:30 a.m.—Mon. or Wed. or Fri.	Fri., Jan. 18—9 a.m.
12 or 12:30 a.m.—Mon. or Wed. or Fri.	Wed., Jan. 16—1 p.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Tues., Jan. 15—1 p.m.
1 or 1:30 p.m.—Mon. or Wed. or Fri.	Mon., Jan. 21—1 p.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Tues., Jan. 22—1 p.m.
2 or 2:30 p.m.—Mon. or Wed. or Fri.	Wed., Jan. 23—1 p.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Thurs., Jan. 17—1 p.m.
3 or 3:30 p.m.—Mon. or Wed. or Fri.	Mon., Jan. 14—1 p.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Fri., Jan. 18—1 p.m.
4 p.m.—M, T, W, Th, F	Wed., Jan. 16—1 p.m.

Night classes will meet throughout the last week of the semester. In case of any conflicts, see your instructor. Students are required to take a final in all their classes. Saturday classes will have finals on Saturday, Jan. 19.

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